(b) to (d) Plastics are not konwn to have had any adverse impact on ozone layer. ISI standerds|international specifications are available for various plastic applications.

Radiation diseases in coastal Kerala

1340. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to high incidence of radiation diseases in costal Kerala as reported in the 'Economic Times' of the 3rd March, 1990; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Non-Governmental Organisations involved in this work are being encouraged and supported by Government in these studies; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the salient findings of the studies; and

(d) whether these are in keeping with results of similar studies carried out in USA and other countries and if so, what corrective steps are being taken|proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India has not supported the study carried out by the Non-Governmental Organisations.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Effects of Environmental Pollutants

1341. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that environmental pollutants caused by industrialisation process affects foetus as well as the health of growing children and lactating mothers; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following measures are being taken by the Government to control the situation:—

1. Strict implementation of the provisions of the Insecticides Act and the rules made thereunder;

2. By phasing out the persistant pollutants like DDT and BHC; and

3. By following safe spray methods so as to avoid contamination of the non-target species.

1342. [*Transferred to the 24th May*, 1990.]

Complaints against the accountant of the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya

1343. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint regarding misappropriation of funds and indecent behaviour against the Accountant of the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi has come to the Government's notice; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) In reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1530 answered on the 1st August, 1989, it was stated that there are no papers|record to show that a sum of Rs. 420|- was over charged by the Accountant of R.A K. College of Nursing on account of electricity charges from a trainee student of Master of Nursing. On a further reference from a Member of Parliament, an enquiry